



Newsletter

Issue 15 Term 3 Week 10

Diary Dates

TERM 4

Week 1

Mon 14/10
Start of Term 4

Week 2

Fri 25/10
World Teachers
Day
Bandanna Day

Week 3

Tues 29/10
Gov Council Mtg
2:00pm

Wed 30/10
Pet Day

Week 4

Wed 6/11
Kindy Visit

Fri 8/11
Pupil Free Day

Week 5

Wed 13/11
Kindy Visit

A Message from the Principal

Festival of Music

On Wednesday, 11th September, I had the pleasure of attending a Festival of Music performance at the Festival Theatre where our Karrendi Primary School Choir performed. What a brilliant night! I feel so proud and thankful that our students have the opportunity to perform in such a special event thanks to the dedication, enthusiasm and hard work of our Karrendi staff, Natalie and Emma. Many thanks to them both for their commitment and motivation regarding the choir and to staff, parents, caregivers and family members who were able to join us at the performance.

History of the Festival of Music

The Festival of Music is a school based music education program managed by the SA Public Primary Schools' Music Society and the Department for Education. With its genesis in 1891 as the Thousand Voice Choir, this program has been an integral part of South Australian life and stands as an official State Icon. The program reaches thousands of primary and secondary children annually and allows children opportunities to perform at prestigious venues, such as the Adelaide Festival Theatre. There are Festival Choirs in over 300 schools across South Australia, as well as three Orchestras and Performance Troupes in metropolitan Adelaide.

Thank you...

In closing, thank you for your continued support this term. It is much appreciated. On behalf of our staff, we hope you have an enjoyable two weeks break from school Term 4 commences on Monday, 14th October.



Term 3 Highlights

What a busy and productive Term we have had. Highlights from the past ten weeks include:

- Scholastic Book Fair
- Book Week celebrations
- Feel Good Fridays led by SRC
- Dance Group led by Kelly
- Science Week
- SAPSASA – girls netball, boys soccer, tag rugby
- Sporting Schools Clinics
- Excursions
- Special lunches including Healthy Habits Special Lunch
- Father's Day stall
- Community Hub English classes and playgroup
- My School Dentist visits
- Support Staff Week
- Wheels Day
- Festival of Music Choir Performance
- Pupil Free Day professional development and planning – STEM and School Improvement
- Sammy D Foundation visit
- SRC, student leadership and cross age tutoring
- German Week
- Whole school yoga and mindfulness
- Character strengths work in classes
- Karrendi Showcase

Karrendi Showcase

What a brilliant Karrendi Showcase we had on Wednesday night! This special night truly displayed the many talents of our students, staff and family helpers. A big thanks to the following people:

- Joseph for all his hard work organising and managing our Karrendi Showcase
- Our teachers and staff for all their hard work organising items, props and costumes etc.
- Natalie and Emma for their hard work with our wonderful Karrendi choir
- Our SRC presenters
- Kelly Thomas for her hard work and time working with the dance group throughout the term getting their item ready for the concert
- Michael Callaway for helping to set up the sound system and for the use of his equipment
- Ty Nguyen for his time and hard work collaborating with Room 17 to prepare their concert item
- Our SSOs for selling tickets and helping out on the night
- Parents and Caregivers for buying and donating costumes for students

A big thank you also to parents, caregivers, family members and friends who attended our Karrendi Showcase. It was wonderful to see you all there supporting our students and school.



NATIONAL COMMUNITY HUB CONFERENCE

Last week Mandy Alcorn and I attended the National Community Hubs Conference in Melbourne. Over 100 Community Hub Leaders, Support Workers, Team Leaders and Principals from 4 states (which included Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia) travelled from near and far to attend the conference which took place at RACV City Club on Bourke Street in the city of Melbourne from Tuesday 17th of September until Thursday 19th of September.

Tuesday night everyone travelled by tram to attend a Welcome Reception at Our Community House, located in North Melbourne, where light refreshments, finger food and entertainment was provided. Our Community House is a co-working space for government, business and the community sector to collaborate to create a better world, where human and economic capital blend with technology, intellect and passion to create a new generation of ideas and people who think differently and will change the world. A welcome speech was given by Dr Sonja Hood (the Chief Executive Officer - CEO of Community Hubs Australia. Community Hub Leaders, Support Workers, Team Leaders, and Principals were then given the chance to mingle, network and meet different people from interstate. It was a great night!



Our Community House



Dr Sonja Hood Welcoming Everyone

Day one of the conference included a Welcome and a Welcome to Country by Dr Sonja Hood followed by the Governor of Victoria – The Honourable Linda Dessau AC who opened the conference with an informative and fascinating speech about her rise to Governor as well as introduced us to the Peace & Prosperity Kitchen Program located at Government House in Melbourne. Anthea Hancocks also made a speech in reference to the Scanlon Foundation.

The rest of the day was filled with Hub Leader Presentations on a number of topics including the AMEP Volunteer Tutor Scheme in English; a Family Creative Hub; a Digital Literacy Program – Let's Get Digital; How Co-workers work together in their Hub; Brain Development & Childhood Trauma.

Visual Presentation Display

Wednesday evening, before the Conference Dinner involved a Visual Presentation Display in the RACV Library by 6 Community Hub Leaders, including myself. Before the conference, we all submitted a proposal on the type of visual presentation we were going to present. We were then notified a few weeks before the conference if we were successful or not. The hour time slot involved Hub Leaders, Support Workers, Team Leaders, Principals and Major Sponsors such as Peter Scanlon walking around the room viewing the 6 displays while enjoying canapes. On behalf of Karrendi Primary School Community Hub I displayed a Sensory Play Table with activities we utilise at playgroup as well as showcased the playgroup children enjoying those activities. I also made a Sensory Play Recipe Book that could be shared with other Hub Leaders, Playgroup facilitators and families who would like to use these recipes at home.

NATIONAL COMMUNITY HUB CONFERENCE continued...



Day two of the conference consisted of:

- An Interactive Workshop – Cassandra Lock, the Hume Playgroups Support Officer Developmental Specialist from Hume City Council, presented us with a video and workshop on how to teach families about brain development.
- A Presentation by the Murdoch Children’s Research Institute – Maria Fong and Rebecca Fry who are Community Child Health Specialists showed us the Quality Framework that Hub Leaders will need to utilise within the next year.
- More Hub Leader Presentations – on topics including Facilitating Playgroup and opening a Toy Library in the Hub.

The Conference ended with a National Community Hubs program update from Dr Sonja Hood and Luke Atkin (the Chief Operating Officer of Community Hubs Australia) who gave us a recap of the last 2 years and what the future holds for Community Hubs Australia. In essence, there are currently 74 Hubs in Australia with 32 new Hubs approved in April 2019. Over the next year or so there will be 3 more Hubs in South Australia in the Playford City Council area, 8 totally new Hub sites in Western Australia, and 21 more Hubs added to Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria. This will bring the total to 106 Community Hubs in Australia.

Very exciting times ahead!!!

Hayley Wilmer
Karrendi PS Community Hub Leader

What Are Your Signature Strengths?

At Karrendi we are learning about the 24 Character Strengths. These strengths are within all of us and we use them in many situations, sometimes without even knowing it.

VIA Classification of Character Strengths



Which of these strengths do you use often? Are there any you think you could use more often? When we focus on what’s right with us, instead of what’s wrong with us, we can lead healthier and happier lives. Try to take notice of the strengths you show during the term 3 break; you’ll be surprised about just how many of them you use without even knowing it!